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SUBJECT: PAROLE FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AFTER OCTOBER 31, 1975

REF: (A) STATE 259553, (B) STATE 260087, (C) STATE 259552

1. REF CABLES LEAVE UNANSWERED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE:

A. IS A REFUGEE STILL DEFINED AS A PERSON WHO LEFT INDOCHINA AFTER MARCH 15, 1975 AND BEFORE JULY 1, 1975.

B. IF AN INDOCHINESE LEFT HIS HOME COUNTRY BEFORE OR AFTER THE ABOVE DATES, IS IT NECESSARY TO INFORM ORM PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF AN IMMIGRANT VISA OR P-7 CONDITIONAL ENTRY DOCUMENTATION.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REQUESTED STATISTICS PER REF A.

CATEGORY	IN CAMP	OUT OF CAMP	P-7 APPLICANTS	TOTALS
1	4	10	9	23
3	23	45	48	116
4	1	3	4	8
5	1	1		2
6	33		16	49
7	52	16	103	171
8	4			4
TOTAL	118	75	180#	373

#MOST OF THE P-7 APPLICANTS LEFT INDOCHINA BEFORE MARCH 15, 1975

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AND A FEW AFTER JULY 1; NONE LEFT DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 15-JULY 1.

3. ESTIMATE OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR PAROLE BY GROUP (REF A) 1.25:

2. 25; 3. 50; 4. 15; 5. 10; 6. 20; 7. 15; 8. 9; TLTA - 160.

THESE REQUESTS WOULD BE FROM REFUGEES OUTSIDE OF THE CAMP. IF THE TIME SPAN FOR ELIGIBILITY IS EXPANDED IN EITHER DIRECTION THESE ESTIMATES WOULD BE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY.

4. COMMENT: IN THE INTEREST OF RESOLVING THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG BY MOVING TO THE UNITED STATES THOSE PERSONS WITH STRONG TIES (PRIORITY I CASES) AND FACILITATING THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM BY INTERNATIONALIZATION, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE DEPT ESTABLISH ON A CRASH BASIS THE SPECIFICS OF THE ORM PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. UNTIL THIS HAS BEEN DONE AND THE REFUGEES ARE INFORMED AS TO WHETHER THEY DO OR DO NOT HAVE A CHANCE OF GOING TO THE US IT WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO RESETTLE THE REMAINING REFUGEES HERE. AT PRESENT ALMOST ALL OF THE REMAINING REFUGEES HOPE AND BELIEVE THAT IF THEY WAIT THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE THEM, AND THEREFORE, THEY WILL NOT EVEN DISCUSS RESETTLEMENT IN ANOTHER COUNTRY. FACED WITH SUCH OBSTACLES OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHOSE ENTHUSIASM FOR RESETTLEMENT HAS NOT BEEN GREAT MAY WELL TERMINATE THEIR PROGRAMS IN HONG KONG.

5. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE SHALL RECEIVE SOONEST CLEAR GUIDELINES SO THAT WE MAY INFORM EACH REFUGEE FAMILY WHETHER IT DOES OR DOES NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES. THE INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES ARE BANKING ON THE UNITED STATES AND IF WE ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE THEM WE OWE IT TO THEM TO TELL THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THEY MAY EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS BEFORE THESE ARE WITHDRAWN.
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